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Council Highlights

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Georgina Town Council March 2

Request for approval of extension of draft plan, approval and draft plan of common elements condominium

Council received the report and amended the recommendation to extend approval for draft plan of subdivision 19T-17G01 and draft plan of common elements condominium 19CDM-17G01 to two additional years, to expire on March 11, 2024. Council approved the other recommendations. The approved draft plans include three freehold townhomes fronting on Lake Drive East and 21 common element townhouse units on access road with access to Metro Road North.

Verbal report – Multi-use Recreation Complex (MURC) update

Council received the verbal update on the status of construction of the MURC. Work completed to date includes installation of water, sanitary and storm servicing pipes; preparation of the parking lot; site preparation; sediment control; and temporary power. Construction is focused on the gymnasium and lap pool including footings, foundations, walls and waterproofing. The project is on budget and on time with occupancy still scheduled to be Q3 of 2023.

2022 Business Incubator/Accelerator update

Council received the briefing note which provided an update on the 2022 Business Incubator/Accelerator pilot project. The Town is continuing its partnership with the Town of East Gwillimbury and York University's Entrepreneurship Hub YSpace to support entrepreneurs and economic growth during the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. The project will offer a combination of on-demand business supports and programming within Georgina and East Gwillimbury, both in-person and virtually. The confirmed funding is based on a two-year timeframe starting April 1, 2022 and ending April 1, 2024. The first program, Idea Consultations, is scheduled to launch April 1, followed by the Business Foundations, with additional programs phased in over the two-year pilot.

Motion from Councillor Dave Neeson regarding Lake Simcoe Restoration

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is one of Ontario's largest watersheds, home to First Nations since time immemorial, and situated in the growing communities of Simcoe County, York Region, Durham Region, and the cities of Barrie and Orillia;

WHEREAS the watershed faces threats due to eutrophication, largely from phosphorus runoff and other contaminants into the lake and its tributaries;

WHEREAS the lake is a significant source of drinking water, as well as being integral for local recreation, tourism, agriculture and other key economic drivers;

WHEREAS the previous federal government funded a "Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund" of \$65 million over 10 years between 2007-2017, but that fund has not been renewed;

WHEREAS during the 2019 federal election, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland committed \$40 million over 5 years towards Lake Simcoe;

And WHEREAS during the 2021 federal election, the Liberal Party of Canada committed to "Implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including an historic investment of \$1 billion over 10 years. This plan will provide essential funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...";

And WHEREAS the Conservative Party of Canada also committed to re-funding the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund in the 2019 and 2021 general elections with an investment of \$30 million over five years;

And WHEREAS, further to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's mandate letter dated December 16th, 2021, which directs the Minister to "...establish a Canada Water Agency and implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including a historic investment to provide funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe..."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina:

1. Supports federal funding for a Lake Simcoe Restoration Fund that represents a significant percentage of the overall Freshwater Action Plan Fund, with funding in excess of previous commitments, beginning in the 2022 budget;
2. Asks that such funding be used to undertake:
 1. Shoreline mitigation and restoration, including in the tributaries of the Holland River, Maskinonge River, Black River, Pefferlaw River and the Holland Marsh;
 2. The assistance of the federal government to achieve up to or more than 40 per cent of watershed high-quality natural cover;
 3. Projects to ameliorate contaminated sites in the watershed;
 4. Upgrades to help retrofit municipal infrastructure such as wastewater and stormwater facilities to decrease total current discharges from existing facilities;
 5. Purchasing and conservation of more forests and wetlands under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA); and
3. That a copy of this resolution, along with a letter from the Mayor, be sent to the federal Minister of Finance; the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; the President of the Treasury Board; the Members of Parliament for York-Simcoe, Newmarket-Aurora, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, Barrie-Innisfil, Simcoe North, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and Durham; and to all Lake Simcoe-region municipalities and the LSRCA, with a request for their endorsement.

Motion from Councillor Mike Waddington regarding the Ukraine

WHEREAS the country of Ukraine has experienced a premeditated and unprovoked invasion by Russia,
AND WHEREAS silence is complicity,
AND WHEREAS Canada imports hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of goods from Russia each year,
AND WHEREAS negative financial impacts upon a country can be used as a means to deter further conflict,
BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED THAT the Town of Georgina unequivocally denounces Russia's unjustifiable war against Ukraine,

AND THAT the Town of Georgina supports the sanctions which the Federal government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia,

AND THAT effective immediately and until a time when the sovereignty of Ukraine is once again unchallenged, the Town of Georgina will:

- 1) Not purchase any products (ie plywood, fertilizer, steel, furniture or machinery) which can be easily traced to have originated from Russia; and,
- 2) Insist that any future contracts for services for the Town of Georgina abide by these same limitations within our municipality.

AND THAT upon confirmation that the Belarusian military is engaged within Ukraine that the town of Georgina apply these limitations upon goods from that country as well,

AND THAT this decision of Georgina Council be forwarded to all other municipalities within Ontario requesting they enact similar measures so that as a united front we can make a noticeable difference.

Closed session

In regards to closed session item 18. 1. a. under Section 239(2) (f) of the Municipal Act, being a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

1. That Council receive the update from staff.

In regards to closed session item 18. 1. b. under Section 239(2) (b) of the Municipal Act, being personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees,

1. That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

In regards to closed session item 18. 1. c. under Section 239(2) (b) of the Municipal Act, being personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

1. That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Additional Council Information

Comprehensive minutes of Georgina Town Council Meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under [Agendas and Minutes](#) on the Town website once they have been ratified by Council.